

Application No: 10/756,180

REMARKSClaim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-13, 17-24 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Adams (U.S. Pat. No. 6,077,180). The examiner has asserted that the body is "one piece" since the parts are rigidly joined. The applicant traverses this assertion as any number of components rigidly joined than comprise one piece and it is believed that this runs counter to the ordinary meaning of the word. The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Third Edition, defines one-piece as "Consisting of or fashioned in a single or whole piece: *a one-piece swimsuit*." This is clearly the meaning that the applicant wished to convey, especially as the applicant distinguishes over the prior art multi-component including a shank and a screw-on penetrating tip. The claims have been amended to further clarify this distinction. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4, 14-16 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Armstrong, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,554,727). Providing the arrowhead of Adams with the tip blade of Armstrong does not yield the broadhead of the present for the reasons set out above distinguishing the present invention from the Adams reference. There is no teaching or structure for making the suggested combination. Moreover, Armstrong teaches away from such combination by emphasizing that the tip blade is useable expressly with expanding blades in order to resist deflection of such expandable blades upon impact. The claims have been amended to further clarify this distinction. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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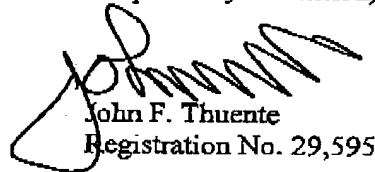
CONCLUSION

Claims 1-28 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-4, 6-8, 13-16, 18-20, and 24-26 are amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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